

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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MONICA LE,)
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Defendant.)

CASE NO. CR06-307 RSM

DETENTION ORDER

Offense charged:

Conspiracy to Distribute Marijuana, in violation of Title 21, U.S.C., Section 841(a), 841(b)(1)(B), 841(b)(1)(C).

Date of Detention Hearing: September 14, 2006

The Court, having conducted a contested detention hearing pursuant to Title 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds that no condition or combination of conditions which the defendant can meet will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of any other person and the community. The Government was represented by Lisca Borichewski. The defendant was represented by Michele Shaw.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

- (1) There is probable cause to believe the defendant committed the drug offense. The maximum penalty is in excess of ten years. There is therefore a rebuttable presumption against the defendant's release based upon both dangerousness and flight risk, under Title 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e).
- (2) Defendant is viewed as a risk of flight due to her access to large sums of money. Wire tap evidence shows her involvement in the transportation of illegal funds out of the U.S. to Vietnam.
- (3) The defendant has strong ties to Vietnam. Her ties to the Western District of Washington rely upon her business, which appears to be used in this charged illegal activity. Although the defendant's son and husband reside in Washington, her husband is at this time considered part of the investigation.

Based upon the foregoing information, it appears that there is no condition or combination of conditions that would reasonably assure future Court appearances and/or the safety of other persons or the community.

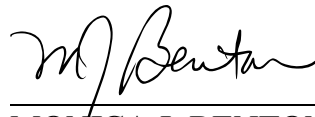
It is therefore ORDERED:

- (1) The defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;
- (2) The defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with counsel;
- (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which

1 the defendant is confined shall deliver the defendant to a United States
2 Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court
3 proceeding; and

- 4 (4) The clerk shall direct copies of this order to counsel for the United
5 States, to counsel for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to
6 the United States Pretrial Services Officer.

7 DATED this 15th day of September, 2006.

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12 United States Magistrate Judge
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